

Town of Silver Cliff Meeting Minutes

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Silver Cliff, WI 54104

Monthly Town Board Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Weber at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present board members: Chairman Bruce Weber, Supervisor Sue Victoreen, and Supervisor Riana Ventura

Others Present: Dana L. Weber, town of Silver Cliff Clerk; Carol Kitchmaster, town of Silver Cliff Treasurer; Steffanie Bishop, town of Silver Cliff Deputy Clerk.

Verification of proper public notice: Agendas were posted at Silver Cliff Town Hall, Fire Department, Red Pine BP, Rustic Inn, Rapids Resort and Jungle Jim's.

Motion to approve the agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Wausaukee School District Administrator, Jared Deschane gave an update on the state of the school district. The board of education has remained the same. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year totaled 422. Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year totals 398. 75% of the school district's budget comes from municipalities, 17% from the state and the balance from other sources. The majority of the expenses go towards staff; however, the mill rate has decreased .25 cents.

2018-2019 highlights: Wausaukee Little Learners Daycare Center added a 3rd room,
Launched the grab n go breakfast
Food service ended with a positive fund balance for the 3rd year in a row.
Department of Justice grants allowed for additional funds for security and mental health training.
The volleyball and girls basketball were conference champions.
Facility improvements include NWTC remodeled, automotive and welding offered daily.
An EMT and Nursing program has been added.
New flooring in the auditorium, band room and classrooms
LED lighting added to the gym.
Additional changes include 6th grade moving to middle school,
Reduction of a bus route
Sale of village property
Purchase of adjoining property
Seeking a 90/10 DOT grant in partnership with the village for a walking path connecting the school to the village
Therapy dog Wally joined the school's team.

Consider for approval or other action:

Minutes from the December 4, 2019 special meeting of the electors and Gries Architecture

Minutes from the December 10, 2019 Town Board Meeting

Minutes from the December 16, 2019 special meeting interview (road worker position)

Minutes from the December 19, 2019 special meeting interview (road worker position)

After any corrections have been rectified, a motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Riana Bishop, seconded by Supervisor Sue Victoreen. Motion carried.

Reports / updates presented:

- a. **Treasurer's report:** Carol Kitchmaster reported a balance in the checking account of \$23,727.29 and a

balance in the money market account of \$421,527.73. Money market balance is due to property tax payments. A motion to was made to accept the treasurer's report by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Riana Bishop. Motion carried

- b. Clerk's report:** A resolution for changing the number of election officials and having split shifts for the administration of an election was presented. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Supervisor Riana Bishop, seconded by Chairman Bruce Weber. Supervisor Sue Victoreen abstained. Dana Weber reported Steffanie Bishop has resigned from her position as deputy clerk. Dana Weber would like to appoint Julie Gerke as deputy clerk.
- c. Chairman's report:** Bruce Weber reported the Wabeno School District will have an information meeting on Wednesday January 15 from 6-8 pm.

The Red Cross blood drive, held on December 31, 2019, had a target of 22 pints of blood. They finished with 31 pints. The blood drive was moved to the town hall due to furnace issues at the emergency services building.

The town has hired a new employee, Cory Gagne, who will work with the road crew part-time. Chris Norton will be available part-time to assist the town road crew on weekends if needed.

The MLS grant had 1030 towns, 105 counties and 461 cities and villages apply.

The assessor has been notified to move forward with the market update with a target date to be completed before the board of review in May 2020.

Gries Architecture is working on a minimum of 3 alternate plans for the town shop to be reviewed by the town people when available.

Centennial update: Looking for volunteers to help out. Fireworks are booked for Friday August 7th at dusk. Great Lakes Timber Logging Show is also booked for Friday at 2 pm, 5pm and 7 pm. A bus tour is scheduled, and an ice cream social, Thursday and Friday. Live music, car show, and Silver Cliff history books will be available. Silver Cliff's first fire truck will be on display. Mark your calendars for August 6, 7 and 8th.

- d. Cemetery committee report:** Supervisor Sue Victoreen reported they have received the new deeds. Some of the plot owners are not happy with the survey that was done. The cemetery committee needs to wait until snow melts to confirm locations of plots.
- e. Planning commission report:** Michelle Baldwin gave a draft copy of the building permit ordinance to the board for review. The first meeting in February is a joint meeting with Athelstane. Bruce Weber gave an update on Richards Lane: Tom and Tina Carlson had recently been denied by the county a variance to do an addition. Bruce contacted the county to request options for the Carlson to review for an addition to current residence.
- f. Road committee report:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported no road committee meeting. Paul Whiting reported the road crew has been busy doing truck maintenance, and that residents plowing snow across the roads needs to be addressed.
- g. Constable:** Michelle Baldwin reported the constable had resolved a missing dog issue. Please notify Michelle if you have a missing dog so she can post it on Facebook. Scott has talked to a few residents that have been plowing snow across the roads to notify them it is illegal.
- h. Recycling/garbage:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported the town will be looking for a recycling attendant to work the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month; the wage is \$9.50 per hour. The annual report for recycling is due April 30th to the DNR.
- i. Fire department:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported the blood drive was moved from the fire department to town hall due to issues with the furnace that had shorted out due to a leak in the vent pipe in the roof. A regulator needed to be replaced also. Bruce will call insurance company to file a claim.
Al Walesh reported it was a quiet month with one lift assist. Ice water rescue training will be held January 25th. Meet at the fire department at 8 am.
- j. Parks committee:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported the park is plowed, and the roof has been shoveled.

Discussion and possible action regarding web/Facebook update: Supervisor Riana Ventura set up Facebook pages for Chairman Bruce Weber and Supervisor Sue Victoreen for alerts and notifications. Any posts to Facebook pages will need to be approved before being posted.

Discussion and possible action on financing for town shop: Rate for \$300,000 for 10 years is 3.25% through Laona State Bank. The State trust fund is 3.25% for 6-10 years with no pre-payment penalty.

Discussion and possible action regarding December vouchers check numbers 7369 to 7415: A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Riana Ventura, seconded by Supervisor Sue Victoreen. Motion carried.

November vouchers & payment of bills check #7303 to check # 7341

Items intended for future meetings: Service award for Steffanie Bishop for years of service as town clerk and deputy clerk.

Public comment: The rescue squad responded to 103 calls last year. 60 % in the town of Athelstane and 40% were in Silver Cliff.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Dana Weber
Clerk
Town of Silver Cliff